Service Date: March 1, 1991

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER Of The Application)	UTILITY DIVISION
Of SHELBY GAS ASSOCIATION For)	NO. 86.12.72
Authority To Decrease Charges For)	FINAL ORDER NO. 5249a
Natural Gas Service.)	
)	

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. SHELBY GAS ASSOCIATION (Applicant) applied to this Commission for an order authorizing a decrease in the rates Applicant charges for natural gas service. The application sought authority to decrease rates in order to reflect all cost resulting from a rate decrease granted The Montana Power Company (Company) by Order No. 5245 in Docket No. 86.12.68.
 - 2. Interim Order No. 5245 granted a rate decrease.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Applicant is a "public utility" within the meaning of Section 69-3-101, MCA.
- 2. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over the Applicant's Montana operations pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 3, MCA.

ORDER

1. Rates approved on an interim basis are hereby made permanent.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana this 11th day of February, 1991 by a 5-0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Chairman
DANNY OBERG, Vice Chairman
WALLACE W. "WALLY" MERCER, Commissione
JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner
BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ann Peck

Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE:

Any interested party may request that the Commission reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. <u>See</u> 38.2.4806, ARM.